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Amendment No. 1 to IFB 11.16.2021.475 Reference Laboratory Services

RFX: 3160004620

October 25, 2021

All Prospective Bidders:

Reference is made to our Invitation For Bid (IFB), 11.16.2021.475, for reference laboratory services, dated October 4, 2021. This letter will acknowledge that the IFB is modified and superseded by the following change in terms, conditions and specifications:

1. Change: All bidders shall understand that the attached questions and responses are hereby made a part of the invitation for bid 11.16.2021.475

In the event that any provision of this first amendment conflicts in whole or in part with any of the terms, conditions, or specifications of the invitation for bid, the provisions of this first amendment will control. The effective date of this amendment is October 18, 2021.

All other terms, conditions, and specifications of this solicitation remain unchanged.

Bid Opening Date and Time: November 16, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. CST

Issued By: H.L. Lockhart/Purchasing Chief – (601) 351-8056

Acknowledgment

This amendment must be signed and returned with your bid, or otherwise acknowledged prior to the opening date and time shown above. If you have already submitted your bid and need to make corrections, submit a corrected bid with this amendment prior to the opening date and time shown above.

Company Name

Signature

Title

Date

A FACILITY OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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VENDOR QUESTIONS/RESPONSES

Regarding Vendor Task Requirements Section O.

1. Can you please define processed? Samples are considered processed when the specimens are received into the bidders LIS system (or applicable computer system) and inoculated or "set up" into appropriate media to allow bacterial or viral proliferation for subsequent identification and sensitivity.
2. Would inability to have microbiology specimens processed by 7pm disqualify a vendor bid if acceptable turnaround time can still be met. Yes just as the requirement for "O" states.

- O. Vendor shall understand that microbiology testing specimens, sent with the regularly scheduled courier, must be processed no later than 7:00 PM on the date of collection.

VENDOR QUESTIONS/REPSONSES

1. Can utilization be provided in Excel Format? Yes
2. Who is the current supplier for this laboratory testing? American Esoteric Laboratory and Baptist Medical Center